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Applicant(s): T. HIROI, et al  
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Group: 2881  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 12, 2002

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the original specification with the attached Substitute Specification.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Please amend the abstract of the disclosure as follows: